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**Front cover: Laurie Pearson**

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Walking Color Guard presented the Colors during the Goldstone Groundbreaking Ceremony held at the NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratory Deep Space Communications Complex located at the Army's Fort Irwin, California, Feb. 11. The event was a celebration at the construction site for their new Deep Space Station-23, 34 meter Beam Waveguide Antenna which will complete construction in 2023. Left to right: Lance Corporal Anthony Plant, Cpl. Cameron Newsome, Cpl. Jose RiveraMartinez, PFC Alexander CortezCastaneda.



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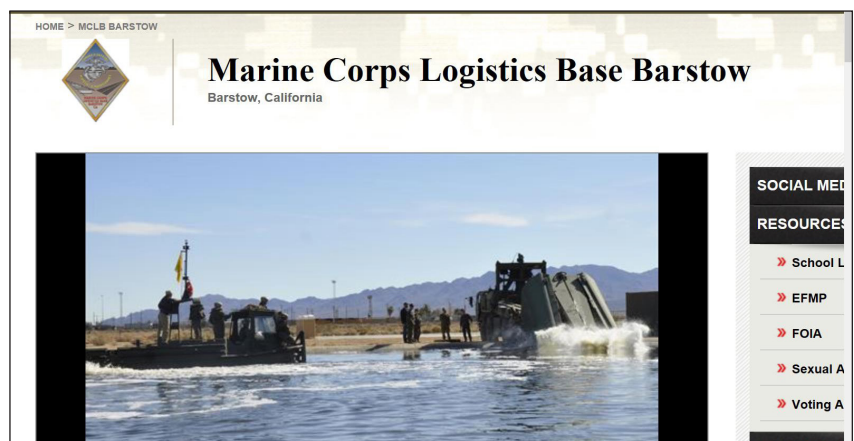
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# NASA's Goldstone groundbreaking



Photo by Laurie Pearson

Colonel Craig C. Clemans, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's commanding officer, breaks ground by tossing the first shovels full of dirt, along with Brig. Gen. David Lesperance, Bartow Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Badri Younes, Deputy Associate Administrator for NASA Space Communications and Navigation, Lt. General (USAF Ret) Larry James, Deputy Director, JPL, and other dignitaries at the Goldstone Tracking Station's DSS-23 construction site, at their NASA facilities on Fort Irwin Army base, Calif. Feb 11.

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## **MARADMIN 719/19 SUBJ/ CONCEALED CARRY OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS FOR U.S. MARINE CORPS LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS//**

This MARADMIN authorizes qualified active Marine Corps Law Enforcement (LE) professionals who possess valid Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) 18 U.S.C. §926B credentials to carry concealed privately owned firearms (POF) aboard Marine Corps property in the United States and U.S. territories for personal protection not in the performance of official duties.

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## **MARADMIN 518/19 MSGID/GENADMIN/ CMC WASHINGTON DC MRA MP//**

The Career Communications Group will host the 15th military Stars and Stripes Recognition Dinner during the Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Global Competitiveness Conference, held 13-15 February 2020 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. The Marine Corps will be the highlighted Service during this event.

BEYA is an annual three day conference that brings industry professionals and students together to share their experiences and career information. Attendees can network with others from around the country while participating in seminars and workshops that explore every facet of STEM career paths. The goal of BEYA is to create connections between students, educators and STEM military professionals while facilitating partnerships with individuals and their local STEM resources.

## **Leave Share Program**

Individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations:

**Torria Haulsey**  
**Mario Sanchez Chavez**

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Share Program should contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6915.

## **MCO 5354.1E ADMIN CH MRA**

## **MARINE CORPS PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND CONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY**

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## **Women's Bible Study**

Join us for week three of six sessions on Jim Cybala's "When God's People Pray: Transforming life of prayer."

Location: Bldg 126  
(Behind Marine Memorial Chapel)

Fellowship and breaking bread begins at 5:30 p.m. then prayer and DVD begin at 6p.m.

For more information contact Laurie Pearson at [laurie.pearson@usmc.mil](mailto:laurie.pearson@usmc.mil)



# MCLB Barstow's new sergeant major

Story by: Keith Hayes  
CommStrat Planner

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California is getting a new base sergeant major, but he is no stranger to serving aboard base.

Sergeant Major Edward C. Kretschmer officially takes over the duties of the top staff non-commissioned officer aboard MCLB Barstow Feb. 14, where he once served as the Headquarters Company first sergeant.

Kretschmer, a native of Wyandotte, Michigan, was promoted to sergeant major in July 2016 and reassigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, also known as "Darkhorse," as the sergeant major of the Battalion Landing Team stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"(While with 3/5) I was deployed twice to the Middle East, each time roughly seven months," Kretschmer said. "My son is a (Private First Class) with (1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment), also at Camp Pendleton, and will soon be deployed as I was."

Those were just two of his five deployments during the course of his career. His official biography lists deployment to Iraq as a staff sergeant in 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As a gunnery sergeant, Kretschmer was deployed from September 2009 to May 2010 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was again deployed to Afghanistan as a first sergeant in 2012 and 2013.

Sergeant Major Kretschmer's personal awards include Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement

Medal with three gold stars, and a Volunteer Service Medal with one bronze star.

Kretschmer said he was surprised to be back at MCLB Barstow. "I didn't ask to come back here but I'm happy I'm here," he said.

"It's good to have someone who already knows the layout, knows what Barstow has to offer and knows the Marines and what

else can do it also," he said.

Although the size of the command is different at what is basically a civilian Marine base, Kretschmer said the mission facing him is the same.

"Being at BLT I had about 1,500 Marines assigned to me," he said. "Here I'm going to have maybe 74, but there are challenges here also that the Marines are going to need guidance and help with."

The new sergeant major is a big believer in fitness and training having served as a senior drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego where he was chosen as Drill Instructor of the Quarter in 2003. Kretschmer will be adding his own touches to the training schedule.

"Change is always tough and it's not going to be easy for the Marines," he said. "Not that I'm going to change everything, but there are certain things that I want to do to build the training and morale, not just with the Marines but their families, as well."

As base sergeant major, Kretschmer has a responsibility to not only the Marines but their families, and it is a responsibility he does not take lightly.

"I'd like to have more unit functions and more things to bring the families together. I'd like to strengthen the cohesive core of MCLB Barstow," Kretschmer said.

As he said, his reassignment to MCLB Barstow was a surprise to him, but not an unwelcome one.

"I'm happy to be here and facing the challenges that MCLB Barstow brings. I look forward to helping the Marines and improving the quality of life for them and their families," the sergeant major concluded.



Official U.S.M.C. photo

*Sergeant Major Edward C. Kretschmer is the new base sergeant major. This is not his first time serving aboard MCLB Barstow. He was Headquarters Battalion first sergeant in 2014.*

they need to succeed."

Kretschmer has a respect for the institution of the Marine Corps and a respect for the Marines, and likes to lead from the front, which means a lot of hands-on leadership and being in the mix with the Marines.

"I want to be engaged in what they're doing. If they're in the field I want to be in the field. If they're at the range I want to pop in and see them at the range. I think that sets an example and sets the tone for everyone else around you. If the sergeant major is out there doing it, everybody



# MCCS Operations Officer

## Taking on challenges and reaping rewards

Story and photo by: Keith Hayes  
CommStrat Planner

The person piloting the Marine Corps Community Services Department at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, has a wealth of experience navigating those stormy waters.

Angelica Benavidez was appointed to the role of MCCS Operations Officer in August 2019 when the former head of the department, Dr. Will Artis, took over a similar role at Fort Irwin, California.

"Operations Officer is a kind of unique position because we're under (Marine Corps Base Camp) Pendleton after the merger of MCCS in 2015," Benavidez explained. "My job is to oversee the operations in Barstow and coordinate between command, the local staff and Camp Pendleton to make sure we're meeting the needs of the patrons in Barstow."

Those needs are wide and varied, the native Barstowian pointed out, with MCCS touching almost every aspect of life aboard MCLB Barstow, including food and hospitality, tickets for events, the library, the Marine Corps Exchange, Leatherneck Bowling Lanes, the Marine Memorial Golf Course, the Child Development Center, education counselling, mental health counselling, drug abuse counselling, and many other pursuits.

As MCCS OpsO, Benavidez said the most challenging part of her job is communication, as it is with most every job aboard base.

"I make sure everyone is on the same page because we're dealing with a lot of different people in a lot of different places, so

there are a lot of moving parts," she said. "I just make sure that communication stays fluid and everyone knows what's going on for those that have a need to know in that specific situation."

Prior to taking over the MCCS slot, Benavidez worked for the Behavioral Health Program.

"I worked with the Family Advocacy Program as a Prevention Education Specialist and Victim Advocate," she said.

That work made her ideally suited to handle the challenge of Operations Officer of MCCS.

"I've been here for 15 years and in the position I was in with Behavioral Health I had to do a lot of coordinating already," Benavidez said. "But when you step out of that role with one branch of that division, there's a lot more that goes in to it, but I already had pretty decent relationships with a lot of the base and the Pendleton staff and that really helped."

While there are those challenging aspects to Benavidez's job, there is also rewards that come with the position.

"The best part of this job is having the opportunity to provide

services on a different level and to work with everybody in a different capacity. It's really fun to find out how everything works and making things happen," Benavidez concluded.



*Angelica Benavidez, Marine Corps Community Services Operations Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., displays a picture of the people she worked with for almost 15 years at the Behavioral Health division, Feb. 5. Though she embraces her new role as the MCCS OpsO, she maintains those relationships and embraces the opportunity to make a difference for all of the MCCS divisions.*





# I'll take the Marines:

## Lyrics by Montford Point Marine GySgt LaSalle Vaughn

**Story compiled by: Laurie Pearson**  
CommStrat Chief

LaSalle R. Vaughn, Sr. of Port Royal, Louisiana, was a retired gunnery sergeant who served in the United States Marine Corps, along with more than 20,000 other black men in the Montford Point Marines.

"(His) eyes could bore into you like a nail, and (his) body was still taut as new rope when he died last Sunday at 88," wrote David Lauderdale in a 2012 article about the man.

Though he died in 2012 at the age of 88, "Sarge" as he was nicknamed, left behind a legacy carried on today by writing the lyrics to "I'll Take The Marines."

The song was later put to music and dubbed the Montford Point Marines Hymn and is still played at special events where Montford Point Marines are honored and remembered for their sacrifices and honorable service to the United States.

Vaughn was one of thousands of black Marines who underwent basic training in the swampy, segregated Montford Point site outside Camp Lejeune, N.C., between 1942 and 1949.

Today's Marine Corps, like its sister services, is fully integrated, but for decades, the Marines did not admit African Americans. It was in 1941 when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8802 to establish the Fair Employment Practice Commission, banning discrimination "because of race, creed, color, or national origin" in all government agencies.

He enlisted after he received a draft card for World War II, signing up at a recruiting station in Chicago soon after President Roosevelt signed the order. He wanted to be in the smallest and most elite branch of the military.

"We were not wanted in the

Marine Corps," Vaughn said in a 2007 interview with *The Beaufort Gazette*. "But I refused to go in the Army and Navy."

He and others enlisted during a time when and a place where racism and segregation were a part of everyday life. For instance, the quota of 1,200 men were housed in prefabricated huts near segregated Jacksonville, North Carolina, where railroad tracks divided white residents from black.

Despite the challenges presented to those Montford Point Marines, their valor and performance at Peleliu, Iwo Jima, the Chosen Reservoir, Vietnam, and more, paved the way for our present day, integrated armed forces.

Vaughn set off in 1942 to the newly opened, all-black training base where the drill instructors were white because no black men had been Marines prior. The recruits lacked many of the basic-training facilities that the Corps' bases for white men had, such as a pool and rifle range. By 1945, all drill instructors and many noncommissioned officers at Montford Point were black.

After training, Vaughn stayed on the base as a cook until black Marines began to be stationed at other bases, as the Corps grew more integrated.

In January 1944, he arrived on Parris Island to work at the Officers Club and became one of the first black Marines on base. He said they weren't allowed to live in the barracks, but instead slept in tents outside and could travel only to certain parts of the base.

Vaughn was one of 420 surviving Montford Point Marines who attended a ceremony at Marine barracks near the Capitol Building in the District of Columbia and were honored with a Congressional Gold Medal. The medal, presented to the group collectively, is the nation's highest civilian honor



Photo by David Lauderdale, Island Packet

*Retired Gunnery Sgt. LaSalle R. Vaughn in his U.S. Marine Corps uniform at the funeral of his best friend and next-door neighbor, retired Marine Master Sgt. Frederick Drake, in November 2010. Both were Montford Point Marines.*

and dates to 1776, when George Washington received the first one from the Continental Congress. It reads:

"For outstanding perseverance and courage that inspired social change in the Marine Corps"

Vaughn lived on Sergeants Drive in Port Royal, where he was one of three black Marine sergeants, each with seven children, who retired there. He is also enshrined in the Montford Point Marine Association Hall of Fame.

In one story he told to reporter, he said that his wife, Catherine, told him he needed to forgive others for the discrimination that black people and others endured. He said, with blatant honesty, that he can forgive, but cannot forget.

The Montford Point Marines performed well in their duties

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# SpecOps partners with MCLB Barstow Rail

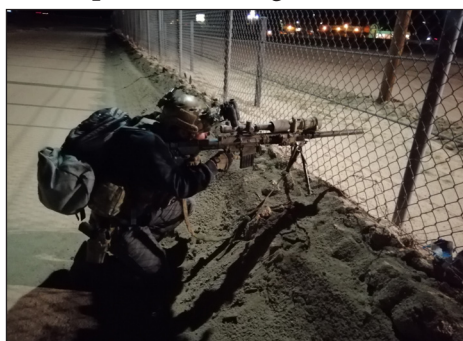
**Story by: Laurie Pearson**  
CommStrat Chief

**Photos courtesy: U.S. Army**  
Special Operations Training Detachment

U.S. Army Special Operations Command partnered with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow on the Yermo Annex aboard the base over Super Bowl weekend.

“Cyber space is integrated into all portions of our lives from computers to smart light bulbs,” said Lt. Col. Joshua Thiel, Special Operations Training Detachment commander. “As almost everyone has experienced, cyber space can steal our personnel information or cause our computers to crash. Malicious individuals or nations could attack our transportation infrastructure. (So, we engaged in this collaboration) in order to better understand the cyber aspects of rail transportation to better protect our nation.”

One goal of the mission was to enhance mutual understanding of the physical security of infrastructure and learn the capabilities of the resident Marine Corps Railhead Operations Group supervisor Chad Hildebrandt and his team. They also had the opportunity to learn from those experienced individuals regarding railway transportation protocols, techniques and strategies.



*A sniper with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command takes aim to cover fellow soldiers during a training exercise held at Railhead Operations, on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. Feb. 2.*

“Rail Operations personnel provide training to the Special Operations Community in myriad skills focused around locomotives, railheads, and train movements,” Hildebrandt said. “During this particular training evolution, RHOG personnel provided periods of instruction, assisted in the planning of the exercise, and during the event worked both as Range Safety Officers and support personnel for the training itself.”

“USASOC conducts partnership training with local forces frequently; in all cases safety and learning are the top priorities. No live ammunition is used. Observer-controllers provide an extra layer of safety during the event and feedback after the event.”

A large portion of the RHOG participated, along with two Special Operations teams that range in size. The training provides a lot of hands-on experiential learning so that attendees can embrace classroom lectures, but then cement that learning with actual work on the railcars, and at the railhead.

“It’s an immersive style of learning where we teach, we embrace their experiences as well, and then put everything to the test in real time movements,” Hildebrandt said. “We teach RHOG courses to all branches of the military, from a variety of functions. The Special Operations groups are really dynamic units with flexible professional Soldiers eager to do their jobs effectively and efficiently. We also embrace the opportunity to learn from them while they’re here.”

“The USASOC, Special Operations Training Detachment specializes in training units and refining concepts for the force,” Thiel said. “SOTD has two units, one at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California and the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana.”

The event took place over the period of a couple of days. However, the lessons learned and other coordination can occur for weeks



*Soldiers with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command work with night vision gear to render simulated medical aid during a training exercise held at Railhead Operations on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 2. The training included a special focus on railway usage and included class sessions and hands-on exercises intended to maintain war fighter readiness.*

before and after these training events. The training adds to myriad other training and conditioning exercises aimed at enhancing national security.

“It is impossible to know what mission or task you may face in regards to the U.S. security and global prosperity for our friends,” Thiel said. “Members of our command respond to typhoon rescues to operations in Iraq. In a dynamic world with knowns, USASOC’s Special Operations Training Detachment focuses on training adaptable problem-solvers. Our partnership with MCLB Barstow is important, because the venue provides different terrain, size, obstacles, and trains – elements that cause Special Operations Soldiers to problem solve.”

“As a nation and community, we should thank the dedicated participants who (trained) through the Super Bowl weekend,” Thiel mentioned. 🇺🇸



# WHO declares public health emergency

Story by: Laurie Pearson  
CommStrat Chief

The World Health Organization has declared a public health emergency of international concern regarding the global outbreak of Novel Coronavirus, January 30.

The outbreak, which began in Wuhan, China, has now spread to over 65,000 people, with cases in approximately 25 countries outside of China, 15 of those in the United States. At least 1,400 people have died, most of whom were in China. There have also been several cases of human-to-human transmission of the Coronavirus, which is different than originally suspected. They initially thought transmission would be from animal to human only, which is not the case.

However, the general director of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, reassures the public that this declaration of emergency is out of extreme caution and urges people to use facts and reason. He also articulated his respect for China's swift and thorough response to the outbreak.

"Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed the emergence of a previously unknown pathogen, which has escalated into an unprecedented outbreak, and which has been met by an unprecedented response," said Ghebreyesus. "As I have said repeatedly since my return from Beijing, the Chinese government is to be congratulated for the extraordinary measures it has taken to contain the outbreak, despite the severe social and economic impacts those measures are having on the Chinese people. We would have seen many more cases outside China by now, and probably deaths, if it were not for the government's efforts and progress they have made to protect their own people and the people of the world. The speed with which China detected the outbreak, isolated the virus, sequenced the genome and shared it with WHO, and the world, are very impressive and beyond words. So is China's commitment to transparency and to supporting other countries. In many ways, China is actually setting a new standard for outbreak response."

"Although these numbers are relatively small compared to the number of cases in China, we must all act together now to limit further spread," he said. "The vast majority of cases outside of China have a travel history to Wuhan or contact with someone who has a travel history to Wuhan. We don't know what sort of damage this virus could do if it were to spread in a country with a weaker health system. We must act now to help countries prepare for that possibility.

For all of these reasons, I'm declaring a public health emergency of international concern over the global outbreak of Novel Coronavirus. The main reason for this declaration is not because of what is happening in China, but because of what is happening in other countries. Our greatest concern is the potential for the virus to spread to countries with weaker health system

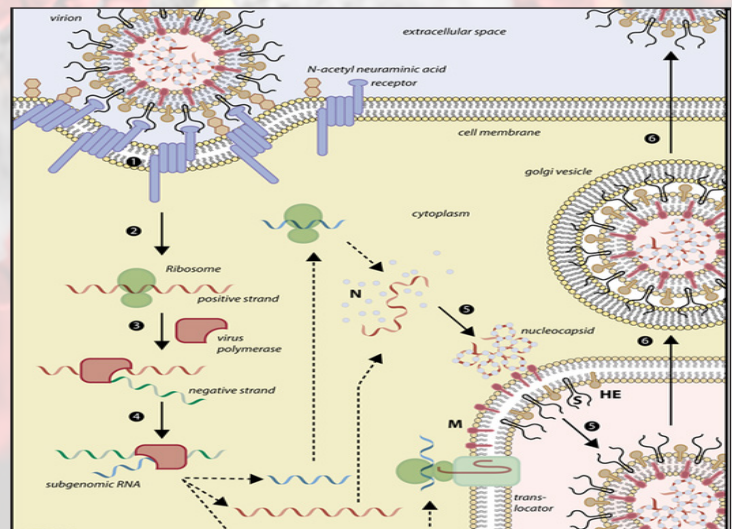
and which are ill-prepared to deal with it. Let me be clear. This declaration is not a 'vote of no confidence' in China. On the contrary, WHO continues to have a confidence in China's capacity to control the outbreak."



## WHO Global Response:

"There is no reason for measures that will unnecessarily interfere with international travel and trade. So WHO doesn't recommend limiting trade and movement," said Ghebreyesus.

- We call on all countries to implement decisions that are evidence based and consistent
- WHO stands ready to provide advice to any countries considering which measures to take.
- We must support countries with weaker health systems.
- Accelerate the development of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics.
- Combat spread of rumors and misinformation.
- Review preparedness plans, identify gaps and evaluate the resources needed to identify, isolate and care for cases and prevent transmission.
- Share data knowledge and experience with WHO and the world.



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# PPB earns Robert T. Mason Award

Story by: Christina Craig  
Technical Writer

Marine Depot Maintenance Command has a long history of supporting the Howitzer M777A2 platform, executing depot repair and overhaul on more than 450 guns at Production Plant Bartstow on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., since 2011. Fiscal Year 2018, marks the best year in the M777 program's history. During the performance period, the M777A2 Howitzer Program demonstrated exceptional performance in the execution of the repair and overhaul of the 155mm Howitzers in support of the warfighter.

Beginning in March 2017, over 400 Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, later replaced by 1st Battalion 10th Marines, deployed to deliver fire support for the US-backed forces in Syria put Marine Corps Logistics Command's logistic solutions and the quality of the M777A2 team's guns to the ultimate test. Leveraging on-hand inventories at MAP-K and War Reserve material, MARCORLOGCOM rapidly supplied Marine artillery units 18 M777A2s overhauled by the MDMC team I.



Photo Courtesy: Production Plant Barstow

*Left to Right: Steven Morani, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness, Col. Wildred Rivera, Marine Depot Maintenance Command Commander, Gunnery Sgt. Shaun Thomas, MDMC, Will Beckly Production Plant Barstow Trades Division Manager, Trent Blalock, MDMC Deputy Director, Travis Verral, Optical Mechanical Section Leader, Michael Brown, PPB Howitzer M777 Supervisor, Vincent Bustamante, PPB Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic, Jacob Zeman, PPB Optical Repairer Mechanic, Robert "Chip" Schwartz, PPB Plant Manager, all stand with Major Gen. Joseph Shrader, Marine Corps Logistics Command Commanding General as they receive the Robert T. Mason Award for ingenuity and exceptional performance.*

In June 2017, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve began its concentrated siege on Raqqa. For the entirety of the fight, these Marine artillery units armed M777A2 Howitzers overhauled by MDMC were on the ground providing 24-hour, all-weather fire support.

The superior quality of weapons overhauled by the M777A2 team enabled the Marines to achieve unprecedented rates of fire and deliver an immense level of lethal force to the enemy.

During the five-month siege, these Marines:

- Fired over 35,000 155mm projectiles
- Processed Over 4400 targets
- Suppressed, neutralized, or destroyed more than 1200 enemy defensive fighting positions
- Destroyed over 40 enemy mortar firing positions
- Destroyed over 120 Improvised Explosive Devices

Congratulations to Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command on being the only four-time Mason Award winner. Keep up the good work!!

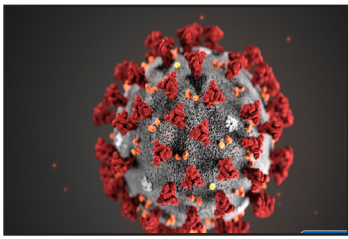


Photo by: Betty Jackson

*Production Plant Barstow's Howitzer M777 team pose with Robert "Chip" Schwartz, PPB plant manager with the Robert T Mason Award for their achievements at PPB, Marine Depot Maintenance Command on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. The program team developed a depot procedure to resolve breech collar corrosion by removing and installing a drain hole.*







"The only way we will defeat this outbreak is for all countries to work together in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation. We're all in this together and we can only stop it together.

This is the time for facts, not fear. This is the time for science, not rumors," Ghebreyesus said.

### WHO recommendations to reduce exposure and transmission

- Washing hands frequently, using alcohol based hand sanitizer or soap and water. Cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing, then immediately dispose of tissue.
- Avoid contact with anyone who has a fever or cough. Seek medical assistance if experiencing fever, cough, difficulty breathing.
- Share travel history with medical professionals.
- Avoid eating raw or undercooked animal products.
- When visiting live markets, in areas currently experiencing cases of Novel Coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals.

### Facts: Novel Coronavirus, prevention and treatment:

- This is virus, and antibiotics do not work against viruses, only bacteria. Due to bacterial co-infections doctors may prescribe them.
- Those infected with the virus should receive appropriate care to relieve symptoms.
- Those with severe symptoms should see doctors.
- People of all ages can be infected by the new virus. Older people, children, and those with pre-existing conditions appear to be more vulnerable.
- Although there are no reported cases of pets such as dogs or cats infected with Novel Coronavirus, it is still recommended to wash hands after contact with pets to prevent other bacterial infections.

"This latest virus serves as a reminder for all of us to continue doing the little things listed above which help prevent the spread of any illness," said Col. Craig C. Clemans, MCLB Barstow's commanding officer. "Each of us has a responsibility and plays an important role in the collective health of the Base and our city. If you're sick with a fever or persistent cough, please refrain from coming to work."



at home and abroad, despite the strictures placed on them by society in their era. The men of Montford Point also made it impossible for the Marine Corps to return to its pre-war policy.

President Harry S. Truman eliminated segregated units in 1949. However, the Montford Point Marines have not been forgotten. In 1998, Parris Island drum major and then Staff Sgt. Vernon Harris composed the music to the song called "I'll Take the Marines," commemorating the group. The words had been written by a Montford Point Marine, Gunnery Sgt. LaSalle R. Vaughn, Sr.

"If African Americans at that time could go through the rigorous training of Marines when it was segregated and they were looked down on and still be proud Marines it encourages all Marines to look forward and recognize our progress," Harris said.



### Montford Point Marine Hymn

#### "I'll Take The Marines"

*Lyrics by: USMC Ret. Gunnery Sergeant LaSalle R. Vaughn, Sr.*

**I'll take the Marines  
And make it my home  
Forever I roam  
We fought by day  
We fought through the night  
to gain our right...**

**So proudly we stand  
Our rifle in hand  
Committed to the Corps  
There are thousands or more  
And there will be more  
Who make the Marines**

**When my time is over  
I'll go home for glory  
I'll take the Marines  
I'll sing my song  
Along and along  
Forever I roam"**

"But everyone talks about his cinnamon rolls. Their sweet aroma would pull children into his kitchen from all over Sergeants Drive in Port Royal."  
**-David Lauderdale**

"I had a guy ask me one day, say, 'Vaughn, do you know about heaven and hell?' I said, 'Let me tell you one thing. The thing about it, I've been to hell already, so I must be going to heaven.'  
**GySgt Vaughn**





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9	10 Art For Everyone - Morning Program 9:00 am to 11:00 am bldg. 126 James L. Day Street Behind the Chapel 760-577-6675	11 Wear Orange Day February 11, 2020 - all day	12 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Bowling Night, 4 to 6 pm, Leatherneck Lanes bldg. 342, 577-6533 Self-Defense Class 6 to 8 pm, Semper Fit Gym bldg 44, 577-6533	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Play Morning 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Desert View Housing Community Center Building 363, (760) 577-6533	15
16	17	18	19 LINKS Coffee Chat - Make a Connection! & Love & Learning, 9 to 11 am, Desert View Comm Ctr bldg. 363, 577-6675 Self-Defense Class 6 to 8 pm Semper Fit Gym bldg. 44, 577-6817 Family Game Night 5 to 6 pm, Desert View Comm Ctr bldg 363, 577-6533	20 Wellness Series - Heart Healthy Aerobics 9 to 10 am, Semper Fit Gym bldg 44, (760) 577-6533 Date Night: 4 Lenses Couples Date Night 6 to 8 pm, Major General James L. Day Conference Center bldg. 38, 577-6675	21	22
23	24 Art For Everyone - Morning Program, 9 to 11 am L.I.N.K.S. House, 126 James L. Day Street Behind the Chapel, 577-6675 Art For Everyone - Afternoon Program, 3 to 5 pm, L.I.N.K.S. House at 126 James L Day Street behind the Chapel 577-6675	25	26 Self-Defense Class 6 to 8 pm Semper Fit Gym Building 44 577-6817	27 L.I.N.K.S. for Spouses 1 to 3 pm Desert View Housing Community Center Building 363 577-6533	28 Play Morning 9 to 4 pm Desert View Housing Community Center Building 363, 577- 6533 Date Night: 5 Love Languages 6 to 8 pm bldg 126 at James L. Day St., 577-6675	29